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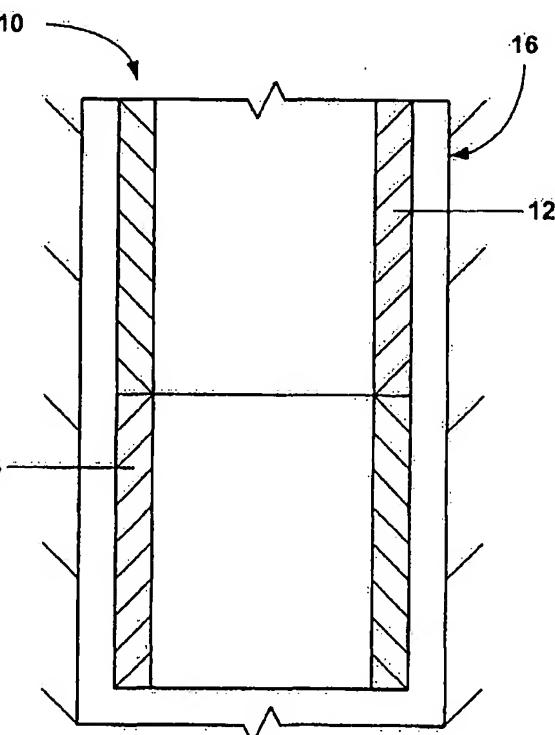
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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:  
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1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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PCT/US05/28473**BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING**

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-4, drawn to an expandable tubular member;

Group II, claim(s) 5-7, drawn to a method for manufacturing an expandable member or a structure completion.

Group III, claim(s) 8-10, drawn to a method for manufacturing an expandable member or an expandable member or a structural completion.

Group IV, claim(s) 11-13 and 18-20, drawn to a method for manufacturing an expandable member.

Group V, claim(s) 14-17, drawn to a method for manufacturing a tubular member or an expandable tubular member;

The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The special technical feature of the claims of Group I is an expandable tubular member having a carbon content being less than or equal to 0.12 percent and the carbon equivalent value being less than 0.21 or having a carbon content greater than 0.12 percent and the carbon equivalent value less than 0.36.

The special technical feature of the claims of Group II is an expandable tubular member formed from a steel alloy comprising a weight percentage of carbon of less than about 0.08%.

The special technical feature of the claims of Group III is an expandable tubular member formed from a steel alloy comprising a weight percentage of carbon of less than about 20% and a charpy V-notch impact toughness of at least about 6 joules.

The special technical feature of the claims of Group IV is an expandable member formed from a steel alloy comprising C from about 0.002 to about 0.08; Si from about 0.009 to about 0.30; Mn from about 0.10 to about 1.92; P from about 0.004 to about 0.07; S from about 0.0008 to about 0.006; Al up to about 0.04; N up to about 0.01; Cu up to about 0.3; Cr up to about 0.5; Ni up to about 18; Nb up to about 0.12; Ti up to about 0.6; Co up to about 9; and Mo up to about 5.

The special technical feature of the claims of Group V is an expandable tubular member fabricated from a steel alloy having a concentration of carbon between approximately 0.002% and 0.08% by weight of the steel alloy.

The claims of Groups I-V lack unity since they each depends on a different special technical feature as pointed out above.